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Wednesday, May 15, 2019

## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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### ISSO Closed May 16

There will be no electrical power in Maucker Union on Thursday, May 16 for electrical maintenance. Therefore, ISSO will be closed all day. We will reopen on Friday, May 17 at 8:00 am.

### Picnic in the Park May 19

Grab your picnic basket and join the Cedar Falls Historical Society and friends from the Overman Park Neighborhood Association, Lincoln Elementary School, the Cedar Falls Food Co-op, and Community Main Street for a potluck “Picnic in the Park” to kick off the summer season! Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 4:30-6:30 pm in Overman Park, Cedar Falls. There will be old-fashioned games, and activities for children. The Victorian Home and Carriage House Museum will be open to visitors. The event is FREE and open to the public. Please bring your own seating (chairs or picnic blanket), table ware, and a dish to share— old fashioned potluck– style!

### Movies Under the Moon: Wreck It Ralph June 7

Movies Under the Moon features an array of free, family-friendly films under the stars on select Friday nights during the summer at Overman Park in Cedar Falls. The public is encouraged to arrive early and bring blankets and lawn chairs. Musicians from the Cedar Valley Acoustic Guitar Association will take the stage at 6:30 p.m., and the Movies Under the Moon featured film will begin at dusk, or around 9:00 p.m. Yummy food, popcorn, sodas, and an assortment of snacks are available for purchase throughout the night.

## IMMIGRATION

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### Important Immigration Information

As the summer break approaches, the ISSO would like to remind you of two very important points:

1. If you plan to travel outside of the U.S. over the summer vacation and return to UNI to resume your studies in August, you must make sure that you have a valid **travel endorsement** on page 2 of your I-20 form or page 1 of your DS-2019 form. Travel endorsements are valid for one year, so new endorsements are only needed if your previous endorsement will expire before you plan to re-enter

the U.S. If you are not sure if you need a travel endorsement, please check with us and we will be happy to review your documents.

2. International students are responsible for **maintaining their U.S. immigration statuses**, and an important part of this is **always having a valid, unexpired I-20 or DS-2019 form**. I recommend that F-1 students check the "Program of Study" section near the center of their I-20 forms once per month to make sure they do not study past the program end date indicated in that section. J-1 students should always be aware of their DS-2019 form validity dates in section 3. Page 3 of all I-20 forms specifies that "If you cannot complete the educational program by the program end date on page 1 of your Form I-20, you should contact your DSO at least 15 days before program end date to request an extension." I am your Principal DSO, and I am always happy to help when students need extensions.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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### Important Reminder: Student Health Insurance

The Student Health Clinic needs to know if you are planning to leave the US during summer break. You must email Connie Potter ([connie.potter@uni.edu](mailto:connie.potter@uni.edu)) or stop by the Student Health Clinic. You will need to provide the date that you are leaving and the date you are returning to the US. The Student Health Clinic will suspend your insurance coverage during that time. If you're not enrolled for the summer session and the Student Health Clinic does not hear from you, your coverage will automatically continue. It is important for you to tell the Health Clinic before you leave the US as they cannot remove the coverage when you return to UNI in the fall.

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